

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2007. Claims 1, 11, and 21 have been amended, claim 4 has been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 25-29 have been added. Claims 1, 5-11, and 14-29 are presently pending. No new matter has been added.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 1, 4-8, 11, 14-18, 21-22, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over PCT Patent Application Publication No. WO 00/04707 to Ellis et al. ("Ellis") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,785,901 to Horiwitz et al. ("Horiwitz"). Claims 9-10, 19-20, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Ellis and Horiwitz and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0059253 to Goodman et al. ("Goodman"). The Applicants traverse these rejections.

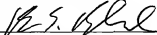
Claim 1 recites a system that is configured to provide a change in configuration of any of the user objects to all of the client systems without further activity from the user and without the user selecting the plurality of client systems to provide the change. Such updating (without requiring specific user direction) is valuable to make certain that each client system has the most complete set of user objects.

Ellis, on the other hand, takes a different approach. When changes are made to parental controls, etc., the user specifies on which devices the changes will be made. See, e.g., Ellis, Fig. 14, step 1001; Fig. 17, step 1024; Figs. 18a, 18b, 21, 24, 27, and 31-33 (reference numerals 205, 206, 207, and 209); Fig. 23, step 1031. For example, the user may have a choice to specify "Apply to Current Location" or "Apply to All" or "Apply to Select Locations". Thus, in contrast to claim 1 Ellis requires the user to select the client system(s) to which a change will be made. Accordingly, Ellis does not teach or suggest updating all of the client systems without requiring the user to select the client systems to update as recited in claim 1.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the Applicant's representative, Bruce Black, by telephone to discuss the matter.

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